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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed December 27, 2002 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response is initially due March 27, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter;
- Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 with copy of Notification of Receipt of Deposit;
- Declaration For A Deposit Made Under the Budapest Treaty;
- Corrected Paper Copy of Substitute Sequence Listing;
- Corrected Computer Readable Form of Substitute Sequence Listing;
- Verified Statement Under 37 CFR §1.821(f);
- Copy of Transmittal of Formal Drawings to Official Draftsperson;
- Copy of amended Figures 1 and 8 and copy of Figure 8 submitted on November 13, 2002, with changes in red ink; and
- Postcard.

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